THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Golden Quadrilateral component of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is scheduled for completion by December, 2004. It is expected that the target will be substantially adhered to.

(d) The following efforts have been taken by the Government to ensure completion of project as per schedule:

(i) Provision of bonus for early completion and penalty for delay, in civil works contracts.

(ii) Meetings with the States to resolve problems associated with land acquisition, shifting utilities, law and orders etc.

(iii) Taking up issues at the level of Minister with Chief Ministers of States through letters/meetings to resolve problems related to land acquisition, law and order etc.

(iv) Frequent review meetings at the level of Minister with Contractors/Consultants/officials of NHAI.

(v) Regular monitoring through daily and weekly progress reports.

Roads in Madhya Pradesh

t1313. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of important roads in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be converted into National Highways during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the roads proposed to be converted into National Highways during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There is a ban on declaration of new National Highways at present.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.